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ITA Southeast Regional Final Results

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Women's Tennis

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Day two of the ITA Southeast Regional continued from Georgia Tech as three Eagles continued their success in the ITA Main Draw. Two Eagles doubles teams also continued their success from yesterday and advanced to the Round of 16.

[Mila Hartig](#) and [Emilia Bujan](#) started the morning with a victory over Kennesaw States' Castellanos and Nash. The Eagles defeated the Owls 8-5 this morning to advance to the round of 16. Arianne De Winter and [Paula Boixader](#) continued their success in the morning session as well defeating Sidor and Hollyfield from Mercer. The Eagles defeated the Bears 8-6 to send the second of two Eagles doubles teams to the round of 16.

In singles play three Eagles were in action in the afternoon session. Dalila Said (GT) defeated [Mila Hartig](#) 6-4, 6-1 in the round of 64. Elenia Christofi (UGA) also defeated [Paula Boixader](#) 6-1, 6-3. Arianne De Winter had a huge victory in the round of 64 defeating Annette Goulak (UGA) 6-2, 6-3. De Winter advanced to the round of 32 and fell to Natilia Serrano of UCF 6-3, 6-1.

The Eagles will return to action tomorrow morning with doubles play with Hartig and Bujan taking on Kessler and Emma of Florida. De Winter and Boixader will face off against Jarlskog and Dimitrova of Florida as well.

WHAT HEAD COACH SEAN MCCAFFREY SAID

"I am very happy with the how we competed over the weekend at ITA's. Being able to pick up a win, like that of Ari's main draw singles win over her of University of Georgia opponent, can give someone a great deal of momentum and confidence in their game. She really played well and found a way to kick things into a heightened level of competitiveness with her consistency and poise. Unfortunately Ari's next opponent from UCF, found a couple of small things to focus on early in the match and it was a challenge for her to push things to three sets. Paula played great singles in both of her matches. Her win, in qualifying, over her Stetson opponent was some of the cleanest points she has played this fall. Paula also put up a great fight in main draw over her opponent from the University of Georgia. The final score did not show the level of competitiveness exhibited. Emi played a spirited match in qualifying against her rival from Georgia State but eventually lost in two close sets. Mila, in the main draw did a good job in her opening round against her opponent from Georgia Tech. They traded games back and forth but the other player showed a lot of courage in some big points. What was most impressive was how we played in doubles. Mila and Emi had to win a tough contest over Stetson in qualifying in order to set up a first round main draw match with the top team from Kennesaw State. They went back and forth for most of the match but pulled away at the end to advance to the final 16 in the region. During this match Emi and Mila started out with a 3-0 lead against one of the top teams in the nation from the University of Florida and then played extremely close the rest of the way as they dropped a very competitive match against the ranked team. Ari and Paula beat a strong Mercer team in the first round of main draw. They needed to make a couple of adjustments late in the match to turn things in their favor. In the round of 16 they also played a top seeded University of Florida doubles team. In their match they fell down early but then found a way to break the UF teams serve four times in a row to make the match very competitive, yet the early deficit was too much to overcome, even though Ari and Paula played every bit as good as their opponents. I was really fired up to see the women play inspired tennis over the weekend. I believe they will use this experience, and the momentum it provided, to develop their games as they move into our championship spring season."

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